



Maryland & Delaware

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

CW16-08

07/21/2008

Hot and Dry

For the week ending, July 20, 2008, the **days suitable for fieldwork** were **6.7** days in Maryland and **6.7** days in Delaware. Dry conditions persisted despite some very spotty thunderstorms. One crop reporter in Northern Maryland reported: “Hot dry weather has caused soils to dry quickly.” One crop reporter in Delaware reported: “Non irrigated corn needs rain now.” **Corn** and **Soybeans** were both rated in mostly fair to good condition.

Hay supplies improved over the previous week from adequate to surplus throughout Maryland and Delaware. **Alfalfa Hay** remains well ahead of schedule as compared to last year and the 5 year average. **Apples** and **Peaches** were rated in mostly good condition in both Maryland and Delaware. **Potato** and **Sweet Corn** harvest was on schedule as compared to last year in both states. **Winter Wheat** harvest was near completion. **Pasture** conditions were rated fair to good in both states.

CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 20, 2008

Item	Maryland				Delaware			
	This	Last	Last	5 Year	This	Last	Last	5 Year
	Week	Week	Year	Average	Week	Week	Year	Average
Alfalfa Hay, 3 rd cutting	38	16	23	20	37	12	18	15
Apples, harvested	10	5	7	3	1	0	4	1
Cantaloups, harvested	20	15	36	23	21	7	11	15
Corn, silked	70	45	81	68	81	30	74	72
Corn, dough	12	1	12	9	19	0	21	22
Corn, dent	0	0	1	1	0	0	5	1
Cucumbers, harvested	30	11	27	32	32	20	21	24
Green Peas, harvested	100	100	100	97	100	86	100	96
Lima Beans, harvested	16	10	10	26	7	0	1	6
Other Hay, 2 nd cutting	44	35	53	58	96	71	89	71
Other Hay, 3 rd cutting	2	0	12	5	5	5	5	5
Peaches, harvested	11	10	18	17	25	8	36	24
Potatoes, harvested	48	6	24	25	17	3	6	9
Snap Beans, harvested	37	32	38	43	36	7	31	37
Soybeans, blooming	24	8	21	25	36	11	21	19
Soybeans, setting pods	5	1	5	7	10	0	2	3
Sweet Corn, harvested	25	15	29	28	26	13	30	23
Tomatoes, harvested	30	16	17	17	16	4	6	9
Watermelons, harvested	11	3	15	10	19	7	12	16
Winter Wheat, harvested	96	81	93	89	100	77	100	93

CROP CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 20, 2008

Item	Maryland					Delaware				
	VP	P	F	G	EX	VP	P	F	G	EX
	Percent					Percent				
Apples	0	0	2	95	3	1	2	15	72	10
Corn	5	6	24	52	13	7	19	30	31	13
Pasture	4	7	28	58	3	5	18	45	29	3
Peaches	0	1	15	72	12	1	2	11	48	38
Soybeans	4	8	25	57	6	2	7	41	39	11

VP-Very Poor, P-Poor, F-Fair, G-Good, EX-Excellent

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 20, 2008

Maryland					Delaware			
Condition by Percent	Topsoil Moisture		Subsoil Moisture		Topsoil Moisture		Subsoil Moisture	
	This	Last	This	Last	This	Last	This	Last
	Week	Week	Week	Week	Week	Week	Week	Week
Very Short	15	6	8	4	44	14	13	1
Short	34	16	29	14	45	36	67	47
Adequate	51	75	63	80	11	49	20	51
Surplus	0	3	0	2	0	1	0	1

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 20, 2008

Station	Precipitation ^{1/}			Temperatures			
		Since Jan 1					
	Total		Depart				Depart
	this		From				from
	Week	Total	Normal	High	Low	Average	Normal
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington AP	0.54	24.48	2.80	90	62	78	2
Frederick	0.83	26.75	5.28	88	61	75	3
Frostburg	0.13	30.40	4.45	85	55	69	3
Hagerstown	1.11	19.70	-1.17	89	61	77	2
Mechanicsville	0.40	28.86	4.52	87	62	75	-1
Patuxent River	0.24	24.35	2.41	88	64	77	2
Ocean City	0.75	21.47	-2.07	86	63	76	1
Salisbury	0.41	23.25	-0.28	89	56	75	-2
Sharpsburg	0.18	25.78	4.21	90	58	74	2
Stevensville	0.93	33.37	10.60	88	64	77	2
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.02	28.84	8.82	91	71	81	2
Delaware							
Dover	0.36	20.77	-2.51	89	66	77	0
Georgetown	0.30	17.26	-5.54	89	64	77	3
Wilmington	0.29	20.05	-2.02	91	63	79	3

^{1/}Precipitation totals as of 7 A.M. on recorded date.
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